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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 9, 2005, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-13) drawn to a method of implanting a disc, classified in class 606, subclass 86 are elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

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